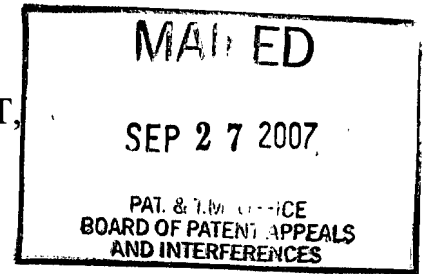


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Ex parte GREGORY M. EJSMONT,
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Application No. 10/783,273

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 10, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

APPEAL BRIEF

Summary of Claimed Subject Matter

Appellants filed an Appeal Brief dated February 10, 2006, in response to the Final Rejection mailed August 31, 2005. On page 4, paragraph V, line 3, the appellants stated that "Independent claim 97 defines as automatic vehicle exterior light

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control system . . . “ However, a review of the file reveals that claims 1-17 and 20-23 are the only claims on appeal. Clarification of the independent claim is required.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner:

- 1) to clarify the independent claim to be summarized; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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